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SUBJECT: W/W ROBERT GIBSON

1. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF A TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT ON OTHER SUBJECTS TO RAISE THE GIBSON CASE WITH HIM. I TOLD PHOUMI THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CHARGE OF HOMICIDE WAS BEING DROPPED, THAT THE CHARGE OF BEING IN LAOS WITHOUT A RESIDENCE PERMIT HAD BEEN PROVED FALSE, AND THAT THE ONLY REMAINING CHARGE APPEARED TO BE THE CARRYING OF A WEAPON WITHOUT A PERMIT. I POINTED OUT TO PHOUMI THAT MR. GIBSON HAD ALREADY BEEN IN PRISON FOR THREE MONTHS AND THAT SOME OF THIS PERIOD OF INCARCERATION HAD BEEN CONTRARY TO LAO LAW. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE LEGAL PROCESS WITH REGARD TO THE WEAPONS PERMIT WOULD BE EXPEDITED, COMMENTING THAT THREE MONTHS IN PRISON APPEARED TO ME TO BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT PUNISHMENT FOR THIS IRREGULARITY.

2. PHOUMI REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF THIS AFFAIR BUT THAT HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE KHAMKING SOUVANLASAY WITH REGARD TO IT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE UN TOMORROW.
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